

REMARKS

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed June 4, 2007.

The abstract of the disclosure was objected to because it was not listed on a separate sheet. The abstract from the PCT application has now been amended into the specification and removal of this objection is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-3 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Babler USP 4,726,463.

Applicant has amended Claim 1 to incorporate the feature of Claim 3 as well as clarify that the elastic member biases the supplementary roller toward the outer rail such that the step roller is biased away from the outer rail.

Babler fails to disclose each and every element of Claim 1. Babler discloses a biased rib on the side of the step such that engagement of the step roller with track 10 moves the rib. Babler does not disclose a supplementary roller nor does Babler disclose an inner and outer rail as required by Claim 1. Further, Babler fails to disclose a biaser that restrains the step roller against rising towards the outer rail. To the extent that track 10 could be considered an outer rail, the function of the biaser of Babler is to ensure engagement of the step roller with the track 10.

Claim 2 depends from Claim 1 and is allowable for the reasons discussed above with respect to Claim 1.

In view of the traversal, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejection of Claims 1 and 2.

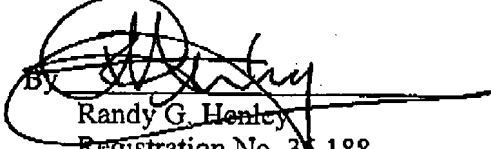
Claims 4 to 7 were objected to as being dependant upon a rejected base claim. In view of the amendment of Claim 1 and the traversal of the rejection of Claim 1 above, allowance of Claims 4-7 is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's Attorney at the below listed telephone number regarding this response or otherwise regarding the present application.

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